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EUROPE.

War Imminent Between France and Italy

The French Force in Italy Reinforced by Twenty Thousand Troops.

Russia Protests Against the Policy of France on the Eastern Question.

A Quiet Christmas Throughout the United Kingdom.

Animated Debate in the French Legislature on Napoleon's German Policy.

BY OCEAN TELEGRAPH.

Great Britain.

PREPARATIONS AGAINST FENIAN OUTRAGES.

London, Dec. 26.

Precautions of government against the Fenians continue very extensive, and special preparations have been made to-day, which indicate that the authorities are to proclaim of to-morrow, and a general discharge is to be made by the Fenians to rescue the prisoners confined in various parts of the United Kingdom. Extra police duty is in force in England and Ireland. In addition to the regular police, special constables are sworn in every day, and other precautionary measures have been adopted by the government, which it is hoped will result in the prevention of outrage.

THE ANTISEMITIAN QUESTION.

The Times has an editorial on the Abyssinian war, which it fears will be postponed until next year. It blames Sir Wm. Napier, chief commander of the British forces, for the delays which the expedition has encountered, and says nothing of consequence can be done during the present season.

A QUIET CHRISTMAS.

The weather was very fine, but unfavorable for out door sports. The day was the most unsatisfactory and most feeling. The extraordinary measures adopted by the government to guard against Fenian incursions were apparently unnecessary.

THE NEW BRITISH MINISTER TO THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, Dec. 26.

Mr. Edward Thornton, the newly appointed minister of Great Britain to Washington, will sail in a few days for America to enter upon the duties of his mission.

SCOTLAND.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 25.

The steamship Erin from New York has arrived.

France.

TWENTY THOUSAND TROOPS ORDERED TO CIVITA VECCHIA.

PARIS, Dec. 26.

A report that the French expeditionary corps remaining at Italy is to be reinforced is confirmed this morning by the *Patrie* newspaper, which states that the French Government has issued orders for the departure of 20,000 more troops for Civita Vecchia.

SUICIDE OF AN AMERICAN JOURNALIST.

PARIS, Dec. 26.

E. Grenit Bullock, an old American journalist, committed suicide here, day before yesterday, by taking opium.

Affairs in China.

CONTINUED RELIEF EXPEDITION.

LONDON, Dec. 26.

Advices from China by the overland mail, and telegraph report that the troops are meeting with success in their operations against the Imperial Government.

GRAIN MATTERS.

Tonnage was scarce at the various Chinese ports, and exchange on England had declined.

Russia.

NOTE PROTESTING AGAINST THE POLICY OF FRANCE ON THE EASTERN QUESTION.

LONDON, Dec. 25.

The Russian Government has addressed a note to the Government of France, protesting against the recent warlike policy of the latter on the Eastern question.

BY MAIL.

Animated Debate in the French Legislature on Napoleon's German Policy

—An English Baronet Arrested on a Charge of Blasphemy—Fenian Prisoners Seriously Ill—Italian Finances.

A Washington despatch says: "In connection with the proposed visit to the Queen of Holland, to members of Congress and to the country, it is probable that the order ordering the Minnesota to the Mediterranean will be countermanded before it is fairly out of sight of land. It is not until the present session of Congress is over, and the order ordering the forces in the Gulf of Mexico to the Mediterranean will be countermanded by the Secretary of the Navy." Mr. Welles will be the regretted very much the necessity which has called him to the Gulf of Mexico at this season of the year, and will be received in official notification from the Secretary of the Navy. Mr. Welles, however, considering the suspension of the order, will be the subject of a committee of conference between the members of the committee, have written letters, recommending the suspension of the order, which will be presented to the committee at their meeting to-day. It is thought the order will not be enforced."

The French army of Lyons was in readiness to march.

A letter from Florence says Mantini is very ill at Lugano, and slight hopes are entertained of recovery.

The Paris Gazette brings the following news: The Pope has addressed a letter to the Archbishop of Paris, expressing his thanks for the sympathy shown by the Catholics of the French capital for the Holy See. The Pope says that the Catholics of Paris have given him a great consolation in the midst of his afflictions.

The Paris Constitutionnel says that the Emperor Napoleon has received a letter from the Emperor of Austria, in which the latter says that the Austrian Government has no intention of entering into any alliance against France.

The Paris Opinion National

The Chronicle.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1857.

Western Events.

The Indians are reported to be very troublesome in Oregon Territory. Last week they murdered a settler named Wilson, and on the 12th inst. they attacked a party of miners, killing two and wounding several others. The Indians are said to be under the influence of Mormon agents, and it is the purpose of the Mormons to excite a general Indian war throughout the Territories, in order to create a diversion in favor of the Mormon army now on its way to Utah. The Indians are well armed with rifles, and are said to be very expert in the use of them. They are also well mounted, and possess the advantage of being able to live on the country, while the troops will have to carry their provisions with them. The Indians are also said to be in possession of large quantities of ammunition, which they have obtained from the Mormons. The difficulties with the Indians will probably be settled by the time the news of them reaches the States, but it is possible that a general Indian war may break out, and if it does it will be a very serious affair.

The Legislature of Oregon has passed a law prohibiting the introduction of negroes into the State, and imposing a penalty of $500 upon any person who shall employ a negro after the passage of the act. The penalty is to be collected by suit, and one-half of the amount recovered is to be paid to the informer. The law also provides that any negro found within the State after the passage of the act shall be arrested and sold at public auction to the highest bidder for a term not exceeding three years. The proceeds of the sale are to be paid into the State Treasury. The law will probably be declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court of the United States.

The Legislature of Oregon has also passed a law providing for the election of a Senator of the United States, to succeed Hon. Joseph Lane, whose term of office will expire on the 4th of March next. The election is to be held on the second Monday after the meeting of the Legislature, which will be on the second Monday in January next. The Senator is to be elected by a joint vote of both branches of the Legislature.

The Legislature of Oregon has also passed a law providing for the election of a Delegate to Congress, to succeed Hon. Joseph Lane, whose term of office will expire on the 4th of March next. The election is to be held on the first Monday in June next, and the Delegate elected will be entitled to a seat in the Thirty-fifth Congress.

The Oregon Statesman says that the Democratic majority in the county will be about 1,000.

The Democratic majority in Clackamas county, Oregon, is about 600.

The Democratic majority in Yamhill county, Oregon, is about 400.

The Democratic majority in Marion county, Oregon, is about 500.

The Democratic majority in Polk county, Oregon, is about 300.

The Democratic majority in Linn county, Oregon, is about 400.

The Democratic majority in Lane county, Oregon, is about 300.

The Democratic majority in Douglas county, Oregon, is about 200.

The Democratic majority in Jackson county, Oregon, is about 200.

The Democratic majority in Umpqua county, Oregon, is about 200.

The Democratic majority in Coos county, Oregon, is about 100.

The Democratic majority in Curry county, Oregon, is about 100.

The Democratic majority in Josephine county, Oregon, is about 100.

The Democratic majority in Wasco county, Oregon, is about 100.

The Democratic majority in Clatsop county, Oregon, is about 100.

The Democratic majority in Columbia county, Oregon, is about 100.

The Democratic majority in Tillamook county, Oregon, is about 100.

The Democratic majority in Benton county, Oregon, is about 100.

The Democratic majority in Lincoln county, Oregon, is about 100

Resisting the Law.

Refusal of Sheriff's Officers to Obey an Order Issued by a Justice of the Supreme Court.

An Officer Bullied by a Fugitive from Justice.

Arrest of the Assailants.

Christmas Day, as universally observed with unending throughout the city, was devoted to the usual exercises and pleasures. In the Courts, however, business was transacted as on any other day. In the Supreme Court, Chief Justice Curtis presiding, Judge Gierke, Deputy Clerk, was present at the opening of the Court, and Mr. Sheriff Brennan, with his deputies, Messrs. Bowen, Gallagher, Gilbert, Hall, Hogan, Hoyt, Kelly, Kerrigan, Lynch, Mc Cormick, Mc Donnell, Mc Gowan, Mc Kenna, Mc Mahon, Mc Nulty, Mc Sweeney, Mc Vey, Mahon, Mitchell, Murphy, Nolan, Quinn, Reilly, Rogers, Ryan, Sheridan, Smith, Stanton, Sullivan, Tallman, Tobin, Tracy, Wall, Walsh, Ward, Wilson, Wood and Young, were present in the Sheriff's office, ready to attend to the duties of their respective offices. Mr. Sheriff Brennan, Mr. Under Sheriff Mc Mahon, Mr. Chief Deputy Sheriff Mc Gowan, Mr. Deputy Sheriff Mc Cormick, Mr. Deputy Sheriff Mc Mahon, Mr. Deputy Sheriff Mc Nulty, Mr. Deputy Sheriff Mc Sweeney, Mr. Deputy Sheriff Mc Vey, Mr. Deputy Sheriff Mahon, Mr. Deputy Sheriff Mitchell, Mr. Deputy Sheriff Murphy, Mr. Deputy Sheriff Nolan, Mr. Deputy Sheriff Quinn, Mr. Deputy Sheriff Reilly, Mr. Deputy Sheriff Rogers, Mr. Deputy Sheriff Ryan, Mr. Deputy Sheriff Sheridan, Mr. Deputy Sheriff Smith, Mr. Deputy Sheriff Stanton, Mr. Deputy Sheriff Sullivan, Mr. Deputy Sheriff Tallman, Mr. Deputy Sheriff Tobin, Mr. Deputy Sheriff Tracy, Mr. Deputy Sheriff Wall, Mr. Deputy Sheriff Walsh, Mr. Deputy Sheriff Ward, Mr. Deputy Sheriff Wilson, Mr. Deputy Sheriff Wood, Mr. Deputy Sheriff

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THE CITY.

OVERCOAT WANTED.—There are now at the Armory, evening illumination, four male boys—ranging from six to nine years—a Gatling pistol and a sabre.

WEDDING GOODS BY AUCTION.—At the rooms of Pearce, Daniel Street & Co., No. 126 Clark street, on Friday, this morning, will be sold by the trade, a large assortment of wedding goods, consisting of silver-plated ware, bottles, Bristol goods, clothing, boots and shoes.

RECEIPT.—A correspondent suggests an extension of the time adopted by the Chicago Times, some months ago, with built to with small portable oil tenacity. He thinks it should be called the Sacred repair of the Living Rock's Catholic Association.

I. O. O. F.—The following officers of Union Lodge No. 6, I. O. O. F., for the ensuing year, were elected last evening: Gottfried Olson, N. G.; J. M. Peck, V. G.; C. J. Peterson, Secretary; Thos. F. Miller, Treasurer; J. W. Lawrence, Permanent Secretary; J. H. Clark, D. G. Sight-Secretary.

CONSECRATED.—Mr. John Collins, foreman of the Morning Journal job rooms, was presented, on Tuesday evening, with a magnificent gold watch, worth $75, by the printers employed in that establishment, as a token of their esteem. The presentation was made by Mr. S. Corwith, in behalf of the donors.

MANUFACTURERS' MASS MEETING.—This evening, in Farwell Hall, a mass meeting will be held to ratify the action of the late convention of manufacturers held in Cleveland. The report of the delegates to that convention, the resolutions and addresses adopted by it, will be submitted for the action of the meeting. A very large attendance is invited. The question is one of vital importance to Chicago, and may not be passed lightly by.

ARRESTED ON SUSPICION.—On Wednesday afternoon, Detective Lieutenant Hall made a search in the house of W. H. Freeman, who was endeavoring to dispose of a valuable overcoat at a low price. The overcoat, which is said to have been stolen from Mr. Thomas, of this city, was found in the possession of Freeman, who was arrested and taken to the Central Station, where he remained until Thursday, when he was released on bail.

THE FAT CONTRIBUTORS, whose roll is this week published, are requested to send in their names at once, if they wish to have any notice of our columns, to the "Living Rock" treasurer over the Lake Shore Railroad depot, corner of Clark and Kinzie streets. The Committee hope and trust that all of the fat men will send in their names, for it is surely a very fat thing to be found at the station.

INQUEST.—Whatever nothing to prove of mind and to inquest was held yesterday upon the body of Mrs. Ingersoll, who died suddenly on Tuesday evening, and in this connection the coincidence and contrast which a life policy in favor of the deceased was sold at New Lebanon, Columbia county, New York, for $5,000, by the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, of New York; application for which was made by McKinstry & Johnson, 126 LaSalle street, Chicago.

LITERARY.—The Washington Correspondence of the Boston Journal, in referring to the speech delivered before the Young Men's Association of Chicago, by Professor A. A. Griffith, in that city, on the previous evening, speaks of it as a complete success in every respect. It says:

The speech was literally packed. No shortcoming of any kind was apparent. It was a model of literary finish. The Professor is a most graceful speaker, and his delivery was in keeping with the beautiful language he used. He stands in the front rank of American orators, and his reputation is one of which the citizens of Chicago may feel proud. The Association's address, as most of your readers are aware, is chief of police of the District of Columbia, and is known as a man of great ability, and wonderful executive talent. His speaking is that man spoke; he has ranked not by the side of Wendell Phillips, Henry Ward Beecher, and other great orators of the day.

BALL OF FIRE.—The last of after in the Fire Department of the season occurred on Thursday evening. The ball room was well filled with members of the department and the dancing was quite animated. Mr. Rumbold officiated as master of ceremonies, and Mr. Rankin as floor manager. Mr. Rumbold, jun., officiated as prompter. Mr. Rankin's band, jun., No. 101, furnished the music. Mr. Rankin's band, jun., No. 101, furnished the music. Mr. Rankin's band, jun., No. 101, furnished the music